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According to this reliable informant, the State Department has detailed report showing this individual to be homosexual; that he fathered an illegitimate child by a Russian girl, who works in the United Nations offices, the birth of this child being taken care of by Dr. J. M. Rowe, who allegedly treats most of the persons connected with the Russian Consul at New York.

This situation relative to Thayer is definitely known by this informant to be in the hands of the State Department in the form of reports and these are kept in a locked file.

Informant furnished the above as an example of how far efforts are made to protect certain individuals within the State Department.

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This received unsigned in mail 2-26-50 by Sen. McCarthy

The case of Charles Wheeler Thayer constitutes one of the most scandalous abuses of personnel administration in the entire State Department and has been the subject of considerable rumor and gossip in the Department. The departments files contain the full details and several individuals have observed some of the material which is closely guarded since Thayer is the brother-in-law of Chip Bohlen. It should not be difficult to secure full details from loyal Americans in and out of the department if they could be assured of protection from retaliation. Even Thayers own cousin Mollie Thayer of the Washington Post has stated that she questions his loyalty and that is going pretty far. If the facts could be brought out in detail current charges would be more than vindicated.

Start out by checking Thayer's own testimony before the Senate Investigating committee on the Voice of America investigation in June 1948 in executive session. Check his testimony before the House Committee on Executive Expenditures May 28 and June 3, 1948 in executive session. Thayer graduated from West Point in 1933 and shortly thereafter entered The Foreign Service and was assigned to the Embassy in Moscow. His first wife was Maria Petrucci an Italian whom he married in Vienna and divorced in New York City a few years ago, the records can be checked and she can be located and will no doubt talk. After his term in Moscow he served in Germany and then returned to Moscow as a Vice-Consul. In 1946 he was political adviser with the American-Soviet Joint Commission in Korea. Upon his return he served at the National War College and then became connected with the International Radio Division and later headed the overseas work of the Voice of America. During the war he served in O.S.S. Those records should be available unless they have been raped. G2 should have plenty

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of data that would be helpful. In Belgrade for example he had two political advisers both communists and both employed by the state department - Their names - Alexander Vucinich and Mike or Michael Petrovich. Find out where they are now.

Find out what C. A. Fotitch former Yugo-Sla ambassador and now a resident of Washington, D. C. has to say. He has told others that Thayer was the man who swung the state department to Tito and laid the ground work for the assassination of the Slav patriot Mihailovich.

Talk to a distant relative Professor Caleb Gates at the University of Denver who knows the facts and he will tell you how Thayer misinformed and falsified reports to the State department in favor of Communist Tito and a lot of other things, you may have to give him ~~xx~~ the promise of protections and not use his name but see him by all means.

Thayer is reported to be a high class homosexual and this information is known to State department officials and should be in the files. Check on Michael Petrovich he once lived with Thayer and once lived at the International house in New York and it is known that he has had relations with Thayer. Check on Col. Ira Porter who was ousted from the State Department, Why? Was he a queer? Check on Carmel Offie. Was he queer? Did he play with Thayer? Maybe the D. C. Police can help because they arrested Carmel a few years ago. Check on Andrew Kristovich? Is he still in the state department or has he gotten out rather than be exposed for homosexuality. Did he live with Thayer and what was their relationship. Find out the name of the State Department investigators who investigated Thayer they will tell you plenty as they were burned for their investigation, and had the goods on Thayer. If they will talk they will tell you that Thayer got Chip Bohlen to interceed by going to Bob Lovett who order John Peurifoy to stop the investigation. And ~~xx~~ while you are on this find out why State did not ask FBI

got close of a half million dollars from his operations in Belgrade where he was the confident and buddy of the communists. Did he sell food which he was supposed to give away while a member of the American Military Mission, and while he was in Belgrade you might check on his homo sexual relations with Petty officer Larry or ~~XXX~~ Lawrence Vallancourt? You might pick up something of this by checking the Navy on Val.

What happened to Eric Pridonoff who now lives in San Marino, Calif. Did not he investigate Thayer and report on him to the U. S. Ambassador in Yugo-Slavia? And didn't they have the proof on his double dealing with Tito? Why did state suddenly transfer him to Greece and what ever happened to his loyalty investigation. Did higher ups find themselves in the position where they had to protect him.